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Klaauw returns home
Qatar briefed on Dutch policy

DOHA, Jan. 5 (R) — Netherlands Foreign Minister Christoph Van der Klaauw Monday briefed the Ruler of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani, about European thinking on solving the Middle East problem within the framework of a European Economic Community (EEC) initiative, official sources said.

Van der Klaauw, president of the EEC council of ministers came from Kuwait. The sources said Sheikh Khalifa stressed the need for a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problem, of which he said the Palestinian question was the core.

Sheikh Khalifa was quoted as telling Van der Klaauw that any delay in finding a solution would pose a great threat to world peace.

Pakistan to issue pilgrims' passports

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Pakistan will issue special passports for pilgrims next year, President Zia-ul-Haq said here Sunday. The president, addressing a conference on pilgrimage, said that the new passports will make it difficult for Pakistani pilgrims to remain in Saudi Arabia after they have performed their religious duties.

Some 50,000 Pakistanis will perform pilgrimage this year, according to Zia who thanked the Saudi Arabian government for the facilities it extends to pilgrims in general and to those coming from Pakistan in particular.

Mahmoud Haroun, the religious affairs minister, also lauded the Kingdom for giving facilities to the pilgrims every year.

SABIC approves SR2b budget

By a Staff Writer

RIVADH Jan. 5 — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation has approved a SR2 billion budget for 1981 and a planned methanol complex in Jubail to produce 2,100 tons per day.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, who is also chairman of SABIC.

The project is a joint venture with two American firms, Sealand and Texas Eastern and work is scheduled to start during the next few months.

Deputy chairman and managing director of the corporation, Abdul Aziz Al Zamil said that by the middle of this year all petrochemical projects will have been undertaken and that the first petrochemical production will be available at the beginning of 1983. They will be completed by 1986.

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The board also approved Sunday a joint venture project with the Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi to produce ethylene and polyethylene which will be started in a few months. The complex is expected to go

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Kabul agrees to talks



HEATH IN RIVADH: Crown Prince Fahd conferred in Riyadh Sunday evening former British Prime Minister Edward Heath who arrived Saturday on a short visit. The meeting was attended by Sir James Craig, Britain's ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

India declares Iran, Pakistan, U.N. to attend

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Afghanistan Monday informed India that it was willing to hold talks with Pakistan and Iran in the presence of a United Nations representative for a political solution to the Afghan crisis, Indian government spokesman J.N. Dixit announced.

A message from Afghan President Babrak Karmal stating Kabul's agreeing to such talks was conveyed to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by Afghan Minister for Higher Education and Training Anahita Ratebzad during a 40-minute meeting here. Mrs. Ratebzad, who had arrived here on Dec. 29, to take part in a women's conference, later left for the Afghan capital.

Pakistan Foreign Minister Agha Shahi had announced in Islamabad Saturday that he had written to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim urging him to name a special representative to promote dialogue between Pakistan, Iran and the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDP).

Mrs. Ratebzad told Mrs. Gandhi during Monday's private meeting that internal conditions in Afghanistan had improved considerably and that the situation there was returning to normal, Dixit said.

Earlier, Mrs. Ratebzad told the pro-Soviet *Patriot* newspaper that the Afghan government would hold parliamentary elections this spring.

Meanwhile, an estimated 1.4 million Afghan refugees are now in Pakistan, one million having crossed the border since the Soviet intervention a year ago, U.N. officials said Sunday.

They said the Pakistan government figure for November was 1.3 million with some 100,000 arriving since then. The refugees' reception here has been generally good although there have been some problems between them and local residents, officials said.

A camp in Baluchistan province, southwest Pakistan, was moved last fall after residents of a nearby town organized a general strike to protest the influx of refugees into the area.

Pakistani officials have repeatedly denied claims by Moscow and Kabul in the past year that the camps were being used to train fighters of the anti-Soviet resistance. However, they have acknowledged frequent insurgent traffic across the Porous border, which they say is impossible to stop.

The figures do not include members of Afghanistan's urban elite who left government jobs and businesses, mainly in Kabul, and who do not qualify for relief.

Iran reports war success

TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (R) — Iranian armed forces drove Iraqi forces back eight kms Sunday near Gilan-e-Gharb in Iran's western Kermanshah province, a military communique said Monday. The Iranians said they killed 150 Iraqis for the loss of four.

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Rain-seeking prayer held

RIVADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — King Khalid performed a rain-seeking prayer here Monday. He was accompanied by Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and thousands of citizens. The prayer was held all over the Kingdom, because of prolonged drought.

King Khalid, meanwhile, received a message from the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed. The letter was delivered to the King at a meeting attended by Crown Prince Fahd, special advisor Dr. Rashad Pharaon, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy and commander of the National Guard, and Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

The King also received the Iraqi Minister of Industry and Minerals Taha Tawfik who arrived here Saturday carrying a message from President Saddam Hussein to the King.

Iraq defends position

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In letter to Khomeini

Bani-Sadr hits Rajai's policies

London Bureau

LONDON, Jan. 5 — Iranian President Abul Hassan Bani-Sadr has severely criticized Premier Rajai's government and described it as "calamitous" for the country.

In an emotional letter to Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini Oct. 31, an Arabic copy of which was published in *Ashary Al-Awsat* Monday, Bani-Sadr told Khomeini that he had once told the Revolutionary Council with tears that "what we are not doing from a position of strength, one day we would be forced to accept from a position of weakness and capitulation."

He said the opponents "used to tell you that I am against revolutionary organizations and that I want to fortify the position of the army." He added that all his attempts failed to convince Khomeini that Iran's enemies, both inside and outside, wanted to create major calamity. Despite all this, he said, he

Rajai denounces foes

TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (R) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, shouting himself hoarse at times, denounced the Iranian Government's foes at home and abroad during a religious rally here Monday. He condemned both western and eastern imperialism and, in an indirect but unmistakable attack on President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, hit out at liberal opponents of the clergy-dominated Government.

One of the few issues, not covered in the 70-minute speech, was that of the latest U.S. proposals for ending the 14-month old fate of the 52 captives.

Meanwhile, one parliamentary deputy said he believed that no great progress had been achieved as a result of the new proposals.

After Rajai's speech, the crowd attending the rally passed resolutions demanding the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, condemning Israeli attacks on south Lebanon, and denouncing the current Middle East trip by former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Other resolutions had a marked anti-Bani-Sadr tinge. They condemned plans against the clergy, called for an offensive in the stalemate war with Iraq and urged that three vacant ministerial posts be filled.

Rajai has personally criticized Bani-Sadr for rejecting at least 10 of his nominees for the post of foreign minister.

Saudi Arabia for its kind gesture.

According to the terms of the bond Thailand will use the money to construct a station for the lignite plant. The whole project will cost US \$392.5 million of which US \$195.9 million is to be obtained in foreign currency from overseas sources.

Dr. Virawan told *Arab News* that the balance will be financed by the OPEC fund, the Asian Development Bank, Switzerland and Swiss Banks. The lignite plant is expected provide 150 megawatts of electricity by 1984.

Kingdom finances Thai power plant

BANGKOK, — The Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Saudi Arabia Fund for Development Muhammad A. Alsaghab signed an agreement Monday to lend US \$33.2 million to Thailand to help construct a lignite plant for energy development here. The interest-free loan is repayable in 20 years with a grace period of five years. The agreement was signed with Thailand's Finance Minister Dr. Amnuay Virawan who thanked

Gamasi flown to Paris for treatment

CAIRO, Jan. 5 (AP) — Former war minister Abdul Ghani Gamasi, credited with planning the surprise attack on Israel in 1973, was flown to France Monday for treatment on a cerebral haemorrhage.

Cairo radio said Gamasi was flown on a Mystere jet fighter-bomber and would be treated in the American Hospital in Paris.

The report quoted a medical bulletin as saying Gamasi's condition had "improved" since his hospitalization Saturday after a prolonged coma. It gave no further details.

Gamasi, who holds the rank of field marshal, was being treated in the Ma'adi Military Hospital. But, according to the Egyptian press, President Anwar Sadat ordered he be flown to France, his condition permitting. As chief of staff of the Egyptian Armed Forces during the October 1973 war, Gamasi was also chief of operations. He masterminded the surprise storming of the Israeli fortifications across the Suez Canal, thus giving the Arabs the upper hand in the war.

Israel had occupied the Sinai peninsula since 1967, and the Egyptian thrust made Gamasi a hero.

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To improve manpower

Technical training body formed

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The board of the newly formed General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training soon will hold its first meeting under the chairmanship of Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, officials disclosed Sunday.

The organization will carry out programs for the development of technical and vocational manpower in light of the state's policy, according to Dr. Abdul Wahhab Attar, the

organization's chairman of the board of trustees. He added that labor ministry vocational training centers, institutes, technical schools and institutes affiliated to the education ministry have merged with the organization which, though financially and administratively independent, comes under the supervision of the labor and social affairs minister. There are 18 vocational training centers in Saudi Arabia, eight industrial centers, eight commerce schools, an agricultural institute,

a higher institute for technicians and two higher commerce institutes. Some 7,104 students are registered in these institutes and schools. Dr. Attar also said two other new vocational training centers will be opened within the coming 20 months in Al-Layth and Al-Nammas.

The organization's officials at present are conducting their work from the ministers of education and labor and social affairs, but they will take up their posts at the organization's new headquarters in Riyadh this month. Dr. Attar said the manpower council headed by Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation, coordinates programs dealing with the development of human resources in the Kingdom and charts policies aimed at raising manpower standards and providing material and moral incentives to the workers.

Health ministers urge training plan

MANAMA, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Arab Gulf Health Ministers Council asked the Arab Medicine and Medical Instrument Manufacturing Company Sunday to prepare an integrated plan and a crash program for the training of technicians involved in the manufacture of medicine in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The Council also agreed to set up the first factory for medical equipment and disposable syringes in Oman.

Other decisions call for every member state to adopt the system of unified purchase of at least 50 per cent of its medicine requirements, which will amount to some \$10.5 million. The Council recommended that when member states wish to buy medicine, they should deal only with those companies registered in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE.

Previous achievements of the Council include the creation of a fund to combat malaria, the production of joint programs to promote public awareness of health and the creation of a strategy for setting up pharmaceutical factories.

Prayer Times

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Assr	7.32	3.28	2.59
Maghrib	5.54	5.49	5.20
Isha	7.24	7.19	6.50

Talks center on Arab image

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabians studying abroad may be asked to work to change the Arab stereotype image that prevails within the Western community, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Monday.

The minister was addressing a seminar at Riyadh University on "The Crisis of Arab Information." The seminar was also attended by Dr. Zain A-Abedin, head of the mass communications department of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, and Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, deputy governor of the general electricity board.

Speakers discussed the deteriorating conditions of information in the Arab world caused political and social circumstances in the region. They proposed a number of solutions to improve Arab media standards and to serve such crucial issues as the Palestinian cause and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Education directorate approved for Mahayel

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khulayfi approved the formation of an independent education directorate for Mahayel to supervise educational and administrative affairs in Tihamat Asir and Beni Shahr Moody.

The new directorate will deal directly with the Ministry of Education. Its area of operation will cover Mijaridah, Bareq, Thalath Al-Manzar, Khamis Mutair, Mahayel, Qana and Khamis Al-Bahr. The directorate will start operating as of the next academic year, 1981-1982 when its technical and administrative offices are completed. The areas to be connected to the new directorate will be deleted from Abha Education Directorate's budget in the next academic year.

Shahi receives envoy

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi met with Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Samir Al-Shihabi Sunday and discussed with him bilateral relations and issues of common interest. They took up in particular arrangements for the forthcoming Third Islamic Summit in Mecca and Taif.

To provide planning information

Scientists study desert

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Two British geography professors are conducting tests to determine Saudi Arabian desert characteristics in order to provide information on obstacles to building for developers and planners.

Dr. Fawaz Alamy, director of the Institute of Meteorology and Arid Land Studies at King Abdul Aziz University, invited Prof. R.U. Cooke from Bedford College and Dr. Deszys Brunsten from King's College, to perform field studies on local natural conditions and their obstacles to development. During their 10-day visit the two men will tour various regions of the Kingdom.

Cooke and Brunsten have been studying geomorphological conditions throughout the Middle East and have provided studies to various governments to help in their development planning process. The scholars will be studying processes such as wind activity and sand movement, the presence of salt in the soil and the nature of flooding and sediment movement. According to the experts the information will be useful for planners and engineers prior to any development work. Various conditions cause building foundations to crumble within years after completion, and the research determines these conditions and the degrees of intensity.

According to Cooke, arid land studies in Saudi Arabia are important and will add information on the continuing desertification in arid areas. The method by which the Kingdom deals with the desert and urban growth will add significantly to current United Nations studies, he said.

Brunsten added that the inter-disciplinary approach the arid land studies department uses will make it one of the foremost institutes of its kind. He said the studies the institute is carrying out can provide the government with vast amounts of information needed to enhance development and growth.



Dr. Fawaz Alamy

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COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al-Jazirah

For many years, we have had foreign players in our soccer teams contracted to coach our players in the technique of the game. Despite so many years of their stay with us, we still depend on them for victories on the pretext that it is only they who can play a penalty or a corner or even a free shot.

While no one would object to benefitting from expatriate expertise and capabilities, one feels bappy giving preference to foreigners and disallowing the native players even from playing an easy kick like a 'penalty'.

I simply wonder how long we shall continue to sign off foreign players without caring to draft a program under which our players should benefit from their skill

with a specific time schedule. It is almost a quarter of a century, or more, since we have been having foreign players in our soccer teams. Their number is still on the increase, so much so that SR 30 million budget of one of the native teams has been mostly spent on bringing in foreign players.

I reiterate there would be no objection to the import of expatriate skill, provided our players are made to benefit from their foreign colleagues within a set period of time. Moreover, I don't understand why we concentrate on players more than on good coaches who should help in the creation of a soccer generation from among our own natives?

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Exhausted Begin hints at quitting

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin seemed exhausted during a cabinet meeting Sunday and hinted that he might resign, Israeli press reports said Monday. The daily *Haaretz* said that Begin showed "a tone of exhaustion from the constant effort of bridging the differences in the government." At the cabinet meeting, the prime minister managed to stave off the collapse of the coalition government, but only for a few days.

The newspaper *Davar*, official organ of the opposition Labor Party, said the assessment of several cabinet ministers was that Begin would have to resign soon.

The cabinet is split over the teachers' demands for pay increases. Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai has given his "conditional resignation," saying it will take effect if the teachers' demands are met. Hurvitz says the pay hikes would undermine his anti-inflation measures. But Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer says he will quit if the teachers do not get more money.

The cabinet managed to put the crisis aside temporarily by setting up a committee of Begin, Hurvitz, and Hammer to discuss the pay issue and report back to the cabinet later this week.

The teachers unhappy with the compromise, held a one-hour warning strike Monday. Press reports said Begin still seemed eager to stay in office, but more pessimistic about his chances of keeping his government together.

together. If Hurvitz resigns, he will deprive Begin of his paper-thin majority in the 120-member Knesset.

Some officials of Begin's Likud bloc hope to replace Hurvitz's vote with the three-man independent *Alva* (Brotherhood) faction, but there is a lot of opposition to such a move.

Critics say *Alva* has little ideological kinship with the coalition, and that to bring it into power would make the government look like a body bent on merely surviving. Even if he resigns, Begin and his cabinet could stay in power as a caretaker regime until November, when national elections are scheduled.

The cabinet also approved the appointment of Yoram Aridor as minister of communications following the resignation last week of the former Minister Yitzhak Modai.

Meanwhile, Labor opposition leader Shimon Peres has put off a visit to the United States owing to the correct domestic situation in Israel, he said in an interview Sunday.

Peres recently appointed to head the party, told *Maariv* that the government was "totally bankrupt" as last week's sacking of police chief Herzl Shafir proved, and the Labor Party would use "all possible democratic means" to topple it.

The opposition leader said that he failed to see what Begin's government hoped to achieve by gaining time through technicalities. "Things can only get worse and Labor will inherit a catastrophic situation," he told *Maariv*.

Chicago panel to oppose extradition of Palestinian

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 5 — A defense committee has been formed in Chicago, Ill., to prevent the extradition of a 20-year-old Palestinian who faces charges that he planted a bomb in the occupied West Bank.

Ziad Abu Ein, a native of Ramallah, is accused of having placed a bomb in Tiberias on May 14, 1979, which exploded, killing two persons and injuring many more.

The Israeli request to the U.S. State Department for Abu Ein's extradition is based primarily on a statement by a man named Jamal Hassan Yassin which purportedly links Abu Ein to the bombing. According to that statement, Yassin is reported to be a member of Fateh, a Palestinian resistance organization. The statement went on to claim that Yassin had given Abu Ein a bomb, along with instructions to place it in a crowded marketplace in the town of Tiberias, that he had later heard that a bomb had exploded there, and that Abu Ein reported that he had placed the bomb.

The only other evidence against the Palestinian youth is a statement from his cousin, who claimed to have carried a note from Yassin to Abu Ein. The note, however, is not alleged to have included any mention of the bombing.

Yassin's "confession," which was written in Hebrew, a language Abu Ein claims Yassin does not speak, has since been retracted. The U.S. District Court in Chicago, however, accepted the evidence as probable cause that Abu Ein had committed the crime, and ordered his extradition to Israel.

The Palestinian first arrived in Chicago in June 1979, to visit his sister. In August of 1979, the FBI arrested Abu Ein and he has held in prison since that time.

In his defense, Abu Ein has offered the court nine affidavits testifying that on the day the bomb exploded in Tiberias, he had been in Ramallah, tending his father's store, bringing his sister-in-law to the hospital for the delivery and later celebrating with the doctors who had attended the birth of his nephew.

Commandos being trained to fight French in Senegal

BOON, Jan. 5 (R) — A Senegalese opposition leader backed by Libya said Sunday he was training Islamic commandos to fight against the French presence in Senegal. Khalifa Niassé said he also wanted the World Court at The Hague to try former Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor for alleged corruption. Senghor resigned last week after 20 years as head of state of the West African country.

Niassé, who fled Senegal in 1978 and now lives in Libya, was interviewed during a stopover in Bonn on his way to The Hague. He said Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had given him the former Senegalese embassy building in Tripoli as headquarters for his revolutionary Islamic movement, the *Hezb Allah* (Party of God). Libya was also giving the movement financial aid, he added.

Niassé, who advocates an Islamic revolution in Senegal, said his main aims were to close down French military bases in his country and end what he called the French hold on its country. Senegal was a French colony until

independence in 1960.

"We consider the French presence in Senegal to be an act of aggression which justifies a military response," Niassé said. "I am convinced that my country is not independent. The whole French colonial system remained in place after the country was declared independent," he added. He said his commandos were being trained by former officers of the Senegalese armed forces, but declined to say how many men his movement had.

Niassé said the *Hezb Allah*, outlawed by Senghor, was seeking legal status as a political party from the new Senegalese government. Only four parties are allowed to operate in the country at present.

He was waiting to see the attitude of the new President, Abdou Diouf toward his movement before deciding whether to start commando action. "Recognizing the party would be the first big step and those in power would be able to sleep more easily," he said.

UNIFIL chief seeks to meet Eitan

NAHARIYA, Northern Israel, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, commander-in-chief of the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL), has requested a meeting with Israeli Chief of Staff Gen. Raphael Eitan to attempt to end a dispute between spokesmen of the two forces. In the dispute, the UNIFIL spokesman confirmed the accuracy of reports by Dutch UNIFIL soldiers that they had seen Israeli soldiers set fire to the bodies of five Palestinian commandos killed in South Lebanon by Israeli forces who intercepted them as they were approaching the Israeli Hanita kibbutz.

When the Israeli spokesman denied these reports, the UNIFIL spokesman retorted that after "scrupulous investigation" it had been established that the Dutch soldiers "were not lying." The UNIFIL spokesman told Israeli reporters here Sunday that Gen. Erskine wants to put an end to the dispute before the visit of Dutch Foreign Minister to Israel Thursday.

Jordan wants UNRWA in Mideast

AMMAN, Jan. 5 (AP) — King Hussein's government urged the United Nations Monday to move the headquarters of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees from Vienna back to the Middle East, an official statement here reported.

The headquarters was moved from Beirut in 1976 because of the Lebanese civil war. A government spokesman in Jordan charged UNRWA's social, health and educational services to the 2.9 million U.N.-registered Palestinian refugees had since declined steadily.

Moving the headquarters back to a host country in the Middle East would reduce UNRWA's \$60 million budget deficit and help improve the services, the spokesman said.

The main host countries are Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. The Jordanian government previously sought to get UNRWA's headquarters moved to Amman.

Switzerland warned over fate of 2 Armenians

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AFP) — The self-styled "Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia" announced here Sunday that it was allowing the Swiss government two weeks in which to come up with an acceptable decision on the future of two SALA militants who have been in custody in Switzerland for more than three months.

In a statement published by the newspaper *Al Nahar* here, SALA called on "all revolutionary groups in the world that follow our revolutionary line to cease their attacks against Switzerland and its institutions both inside the confederation and abroad until Jan. 15."

The statement continued: "By that date, depending on results obtained during these

two weeks concerning (the future) of Alexi and Suzy (the two militants) we shall decide on the attitude to be adopted toward the Swiss government."

In an earlier communique released Thursday, SALA threatened punitive action against Swiss diplomats everywhere in the world unless humanitarian organizations were allowed access to the two militants, who have been in custody since Oct. 3.

This weekend, Swiss authorities refused to grant provisional liberty to SALA militant Suzy Mannerjian, an American of Armenian origin, and her alleged accomplice, Alex Yenokomoshian, who have been charged with extortion and complicity in the illegal possession of explosives.

BRIEFS

AMMAN, (AP) — Former Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmad Muhammad Toukan died here at the age of 78 after a prolonged illness, a royal palace spokesman announced. The Palestinian-born, Oxford-educated veteran politician was prime minister in 1970 when Palestinian commandos were expelled from Jordan.

takeover at a press conference here Monday.

AMMAN, (R) — South Korean Minister of Communications Kim Ki-choul arrived here Monday for a four-day official visit to Jordan aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and discussing the situation in the Middle East.

DACCA, (AFP) — The president of Bangladesh Ziaur Rahman has opened a 14-nation Asian art exhibit here aimed at "developing and strengthening friendship, solidarity and mutual understanding among Asian artists."

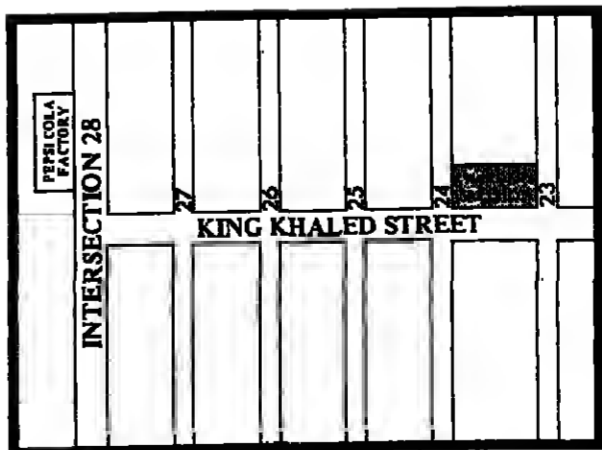
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Congressional report:

Defense capability is declining in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (R) — United States national security is being threatened by a serious decline in the capability of defense-related industries, a congressional report said Monday.

The report, by a House of Representatives Armed Services Sub-committee, said the condition of the industrial base of U.S. defense had deteriorated and was in danger of worsening still further. It cited serious deficiencies among sub-contractors, shortage of skilled manpower, dependence on foreign sources of raw material, low productivity and economic restraints on investment in new technology.

The report said "the Defense Department had no plans to deal with the problem and that its inaction, along with weapons, buying problems and inflation, "has contributed to the deterioration of the U.S. defense industrial base, and as a consequence jeopardises

national security."

Congressman Richard Ichord, who headed hearings on the problem, said: "an alarming erosion of crucial industrial elements, coupled with a mushrooming dependence on foreign sources for critical materials, is endangering our defense posture at its very foundation." The report said inflexible policies in the Pentagon discouraged the type of contracts promoting U.S. interests, and current tax and profit policies appeared to discourage investment in new technology.

It said diffusion of responsibilities in both Congress and the Defense Department had contributed to a lack of effective long-range planning in the defense industry. Armed Services Committee Chairman Melvin Price said the findings "reveal that the U.S. Defense industrial base lacks the capacity, manpower, skills and critical materials required to swing into crisis production."

New Govt. in Portugal takes office Thursday

LISBON, Jan. 5 (R) — Prime Minister-designate Francisco Pinto Balsemão has completed the formation of a new government which will probably be sworn in next Thursday, according to sources in his Social Democratic Party.

Pinto Balsemão, who became leader of the ruling right-wing coalition following the

death of Prime Minister Francisco Sa Carneiro in an air crash last month, had encountered considerable difficulty in putting together a ministerial team.

The sources said his Minister of Finance and Economic Planning is Christian Democrat Joao Morais Leitao.

The former Minister of Social Affairs replaces Social Democrat Anibal Cavaco Silva, who masterminded the ruling democratic alliance's economic policy during its first 12 months in office.

Cavaco Silva refused to accept a post in the new cabinet. The Foreign Ministry goes to Andre Goncalves Pereira, an independent, the sources said.

The sources said the new 16-member ministerial cabinet would be presented to President Antonio Ramalho Eanes Monday for approval.

Former Industry and Energy Minister Alvaro Barreto heads a newly created Ministry of European Integration to oversee Portugal's negotiations to join the European Economic Community (EEC).

The post of vice-prime minister, occupied in the outgoing administration by Christian Democrat leader Diogo Freitas do Amaral, is abolished.

Freitas do Amaral declined to take part in the new Government, but the number two figure in the Christian Democrat Party, Basilio Horta, becomes Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office.

The Monarchist Party, which has only six seats in the 250-member Parliament, gets its first cabinet post with the nomination of Augusto Ferreira do Amaral as Minister for the Quality of Life, responsible for the Environment, Youth, Sport and the state-owned media.

The defense ministry goes to Azevedo Coutinho, secretary of state to the previous Defense Minister Adelino Amaro da Costa, who died with the prime minister in the air crash.

Only three ministers keep their portfolios, while ten of the 16 ministers are newcomers to the cabinet, the sources said. Prime Minister Pinto Balsemão has encountered problems in getting whole-hearted support from his party's right wing and from the Christian Democrats, junior partners in the three-party coalition. The Christian Democrats regard him as too leftist.

Gunmen shoot two Americans in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 5 (AP) — Unidentified gunmen assassinated two American lawyers and a high-ranking Salvadoran official, month after the murder of four American women missionaries in this violence wracked central American nation. In Washington, the U.S. Government expressed grief Sunday over the latest deaths.

The president of the ruling civilian-military junta, Jose Napoleon Duarte, said "an exhaustive investigation will be made" into the slayings of Mark David Pearlman, 42, Michael Peter Hammer, 44, and the Salvadoran president of the Agrarian Transformation Institute, Jose Rodolfo Viera, 40.

Police spokesman said special units have been assigned to the case but that there were no leads to the identity of the gunmen who walked into the Sheraton Hotel restaurant here shortly before midnight Saturday and shot the men at a table where they were having coffee.

McLuhan is buried

TORONTO, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Six hundred writers, teachers and students have attended the funeral here of Marshall McLuhan, the controversial prophet of a coming sociological revolution from the impact of radio and television.

Professor McLuhan, 69, who predicted that television will draw the world together until it resembles a "global village", died Wednesday. The funeral Sunday for the man described by a New York newspaper as the most important thinker since Newton, Darwin, Freud, Einstein and Pavlov took place in an emotion-charged atmosphere.



BUSY DAY: Indian traffic police, rickshaws and trams set the scene for a busy day in India's largest city of Calcutta, against the background of the Hooghly River bridge. A new bridge is planned over the river.

Biggest manhunt

Man, believed Yorkshire Ripper, held

LEEDS, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Police hunting a mass murderer known as the 'Yorkshire Ripper' have arrested a man who was due to appear in court Monday.

Britain's biggest ever manhunt for a sadistic killer who claimed 13 women victims in five years, had now been scaled right down, police said. The police chief who led 300 investigators in a £4 million manhunt said "we are absolutely delighted with developments." The man married and in his thirties,

was arrested in a red light district of Sheffield Friday on suspicion of driving with false number plates. Detectives in the Ripper squad were later called in and he now faced a serious charge," police chief Ronald Gregory said.

After a woman was battered to death in Leeds five years ago, the Ripper killed 12 more women to become Britain's most notorious murderer since 'Jack the Ripper,' in the 19th century. The Yorkshire Ripper had

taunted police with a chilling tape-recorded message about their failure to catch him. With each new murder, the investigating team faced increased criticism.

Police gave the name of the arrested man as Peter Sutcliffe, a truck driver. Police did not say outright that they believe Sutcliffe is the ripper.

The ripper's savage killings of unescorted women in back streets brought terror to north England towns in the last five years

Chad refugees caught in political game

KOUSSERI, Northern Cameroon, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Tens of thousands of Chadian refugees in this small town, across the Chari River from Chad's capital of Ndjamena, are in danger of becoming a political football, with their plight relegated to the background.

The Cameroon authorities are anxious to see them leave and the Chadian rulers are just as keen to see them stay for the time being, the refugees' life can be understood by touring the 20-hectare camp where most of them live at Kousseri, and the African quarters of Ndjamena whence they came.

Here are crowds, movement and life, however wretched: across the river, there are looted houses, deserted streets, a city emptied of substance by nine months of civil war that ended last month with the Libyan-backed victory of President Goukouni Quedde's coalition forces. At 6 every morning, the curfew ends in Ndjamena, and refugees begin crossing the river in canoes to land at Farcha, northwest of the city, or in the center of town, scene of violent fighting during the war.

They visit their old, abandoned homes, stop by the house of a relative who remained, make a swing by the market where activity

never came to a complete halt, and then return to Kousseri, to a tent or a hut of woven straw.

The refugees wonder how long they will have to keep up this daily round, when they will be able to go back to Ndjamena. Officially, the Goukouni government wants them to come home, and the Chad Press Agency recently denounced a "propaganda campaign" to the opposite effect carried on here by former fighters under Hissene Habre.

Goukouni's defeated opponent in the war. Many of the Habre men went to Kousseri when his forces fled Ndjamena in the night of Dec. 14-15.

However, in private, the Chad authorities clearly fear a massive, rapid return of the refugees. Before that happens, they want to reestablish security in Ndjamena, pick up the mines and live shells still strewn through the town and get water and electricity working again.

Guatemala, El Salvador badly violated civil rights

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (R) — A U.S. group monitoring Latin America and the Caribbean says Guatemala and El Salvador have replaced Argentina as the area's worst civil rights violators.

"These two small central American countries accounted for the deaths, through politically-motivated violence, of some 15,000 people in 1980," according to the annual report of the council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA). The council is a private

research group with a board of trustees composed of trade unionists, educators, members of Congress, religious leaders and liberal political activists.

The report said more people died in El Salvador in 1980, largely as the result of "government-condoned rightwing 'death squad' killings, than in all the other nations of Latin America combined." The report found that a pattern of human rights violations has persisted in Argentina — COHA's "worst case" nation last year — and in Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Bolivia joined the ranks of serious human rights violators, the council report said, as a result of the "massive killings" which followed the July coup staged at General Luis Garcia Meza. The report cites Ecuador, Venezuela, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic for having the strongest human rights policies in 1980. Peru is also praised.

Cuba continues to have a mixed record, COHA said, citing "disturbing reports" that the number of political prisoners is again increasing. The first year of Sandinist rule in Nicaragua also produced a mixed record, but this was "a clear improvement over that compiled during the previous 43 years of Somoza family rule."

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 5 (AFP) — General-Secretary of the British National Union of Journalists Ken Ashton was refused entry into South Africa Sunday when he arrived at Johannesburg airport for a visit to investigate measures taken recently against black workers.

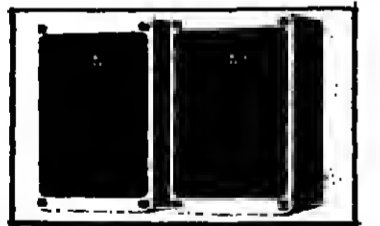
On Monday, the president of the Media Workers (black) Association of South Africa Zwelakhe Sishu and the Natal Provincial vice-president of the Association Mzimkhona Subramoney, were handed restriction orders following an eight-week workers strike. Under the orders, the workers were forbidden to leave their homes at night or at weekends, to continue working or to belong to an association.

Informed sources here said that Ashton, whose union has some 30,000 members in Britain and Ireland was questioned for several hours at Johannesburg airport. He had planned to meet several MWASA officials. In London before leaving for South Africa, he had stated that "our interest is in supporting the press."

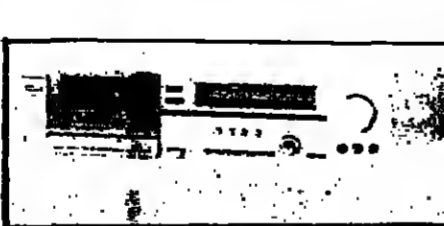
In a statement later, the South African Society of Journalists, which mainly represents white pressmen, stated that "it appears that the government is using a technically to bar Ashton from South Africa."

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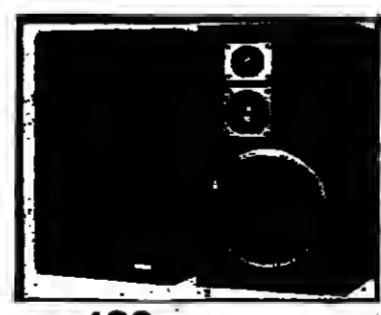
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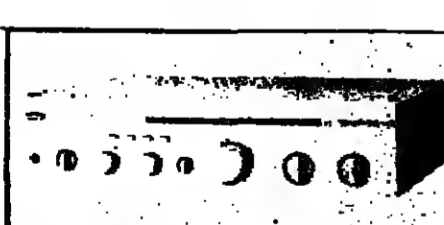
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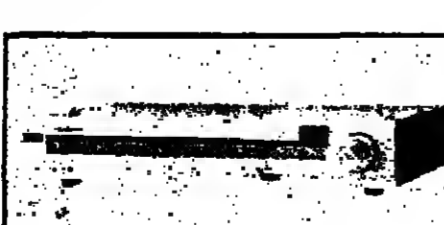
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West Germany out

Argentina, Brazil in thrilling tie

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 5 (AP) — World Cup bidders Argentina drew 1-1 with Brazil in a Gold Cup Soccer match that ended in a free-for-all brawl here Sunday night.

The 20-year-old forward beat defender Luizinho shot strongly past advancing goalkeeper Carlos Alberto, who seemed to get his angles all wrong.

Luizinho. Brazil's failure to defeat Argentina eliminated European champion West Germany from contention in the prestigious six-nation competition.

"This result was a good one for us," said Santana. "We proved we can play at the same level as the world champions. Now it is up to us whether we qualify or not."

The Argentine team must now wait three days to find out whether it has been eliminated from the tournament without suffering a defeat.

"Everything was very difficult for us" said Menotti. "My players were tired after a hard match against West Germany. Menotti was criticized by Argentine journalists for including the defensive-minded Juan Barbas ahead of Daniel Valencia but said: "I made the change to allow Diego Maradona more room in the midfield."

"Barbas played very well in our tactical plan."

Menotti had praise for the Brazilians, but said the pressure would be on Brazil against West Germany. "The Germans have been resting while the Brazilians were playing in a tightly disputed match," he said. "It will be hard for Brazil to recuperate quickly."



THE TOP-SCORER: Uruguay's Waldemar Victorino (9), the top-scorer of the tournament, is all smiles as teammates Pas (10) and Martinez (6) congratulate Ramos, who got the first goal for his team in their 2-0 victory over Holland.

Atletico Madrid improves position

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Atletico Madrid producing anything like their best form, opened up a five points lead at the top of the Spanish First Division this weekend after scoring a 0-2 victory over Valladolid.

The Madrid side, who have been beaten only once this season, have now amassed 29 points from 18 games. But they looked a weary, uninspired formation for the first 45 minutes.

It was only in the second-half that they came to life and goals from their South American star Ruben Argentini (58th) and Zsuzsi (82nd) ensured their victory against a team struggling near the foot of the division.

Atletico Madrid's closest rivals Valencia, playing without star Argentina World Cup striker Kempes who is in Uruguay for the 'Mini-World Cup' competition, dropped both points in a tough confrontation at Real Sociedad.

The visitors were rocked back on their heels by a goal by Zamora in the 18th minute and the match looked sewn up for Sociedad, who on Saturday made it 2-0 ten minutes into the second-half.

A goal three minutes before the final whistle salvaged honour for Valencia but came too late to change the verdict. Meanwhile, Barcelona moved quietly up into third place, just one point behind Valencia, with a 1-0 home victory over Murcia.

Results

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. It lists results for Spanish, Greek, and Turkish leagues.

Argentina won its opening match 2-1 against West Germany, and Brazil needs to better that score-line when it plays the Germans on Wednesday. Otherwise Argentina will qualify for the Jan. 10 final against host nation Uruguay.

The Argentina-Brazil match, which had been played in a good spirit throughout, ended in chaos as referee Erich Linemayer of Austria battled to separate fighting players of both teams. Armed police raced onto the field to break up the fight and both teams left the pitch.

The violent end came just 24 hours after three players were sent off and five actions issued during Uruguay's 2-0 victory over Italy in the same Centenario Stadium.

Referee Linemayer appeared to have whistled the game over when the trouble started. Nearly all the players were involved in a pushing match and punches were thrown.

A group of photographers running onto the pitch added to the confusion, but order was then restored. Only three players had been cautioned during the game and there were very few malicious tackles.

Argentina was well worth its first half lead but Brazil fought back well in the second period and twice came close to winning the match in the last five minutes. Maradona's opening goal was scored with classic simplicity.

Milwaukee records fluent victory over San Diego

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP) — San Diego coach Paul Silas was speaking in a smile after his clippers flying Milwaukee, but it was as close to an actual hammering in the National Basketball Association match.

"We were overpowered," Silas said. "They have such great depth and they just keep sending people at you. It was like a hammer and a nail. They started pounding, and they kept on pounding."

The bucks used a fast break and some accurate shooting by Mickey Johnson to hammer the Clippers 128-95 Sunday night, extending San Diego's losing streak to four games.

Johnson led Milwaukee's fast break and hit 10 of his first 11 shots, finishing with 22 points. Junior Bridenman topped Milwaukee with 25 points, and Marquiss Johnson added 20. Freeman Williams led San Diego with 20 points.

The bucks led by as many as 23 points in the first quarter, and 10 points by Mickey Johnson helped the bucks take a 64-40 lead at the half way stage in route to their fourth straight victory.

Only two other games were scheduled in the NBA Sunday night. Indiana downed New Jersey 113-104, and Boston defeated Portland 120-111.

George McGinnis scored 25 points as Indiana, won its third in a row while handing the nets their 13th loss in 14 games. That kept New Jersey coach Bob MacKinnon winless as Kevin Loughery's replacement.

The pacers outscored New Jersey 11-2 over the final four minutes of play to win

both teams created chances in the second half and Argentine substitute Daniel Valencia fired against a post in the 68th minute. Throughout the encounter Argentine appeared better organized, but flashes of brilliance from the Brazilians kept them very much in contention.

With just five minutes remaining Paulo Izidoro squandered a golden opportunity by miskicking in front of the goal, and three minutes later the Argentine goal and another close escape.

Goalkeeper Fillol reshed out to collect a remarkable shot from Edevaldo. Toninho Cerezo and Paulo Izidoro both followed up and Socrates eventually got the ball into the net only to see the move ruled out for off side.

A victory would have been more than the Brazilians deserved for all their guile, their play contained more gloss than substance and Juan Barbas and Osvaldo Ardiles kept Argentina in control of the midfield for long periods.

The three players booked were Argentine captain Daniel Passarella, for a dreadful foul on Batista, and Brazilians Batista and

what had been a close game. Larry Bird scored 22 of his 33 points in the first half as the Celtics ran to a 63-55 lead at intermission en route to their fifth victory in six games on a western road trip.

Portland got it within four, at 110-106, during a four-quarter burst led by Tom Owens and Jim Paxson, but six quick points five on a pair of baskets by Bird, one a three-pointer — diffused the Portland rally.

IRFU warned

DUBLIN, Jan. 5 (R) — Irish Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan told the country's Rugby Football Union Sunday that its government grant may be suspended if it goes ahead with a tour of South Africa in May.

In a radio interview, he urged the Irish Rugby Football Union to reconsider its decision to make the tour and said: "For the sake of half a dozen matches Ireland's credibility and reputation could be undermined."

The proposed tour has been condemned by the main Irish political parties, trade unions and the anti-apartheid movement. Lenihan said special leave would be refused to state employees who are chosen for the tour. This could affect three Irish international players.

Informed sources said Irish diplomats feared the IRFU's decision would damage Ireland's standing among African states, particularly in its own role as a member of the United Nations Security Council.

A British Lions Rugby team consisting of players from England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, toured South Africa last summer, but this will be the first tour by any of the four home countries since England went to South Africa in 1972.



UP IN ARMS: Rivelino with a tiny soccer fan

Decision surprises Rivelino, Hilal

By Youssri Hamdi Arab News Correspondent

RIYADH, Jan. 5 — The Saudi Arabian Football Federation's sanctions on Hilal and Itihad clubs last week, including banning of Brazilian soccer star Roberto Rivelino, for three months and one extra match, surprised Hilal's management as well as the player himself.

In an interview with Arab News, Rivelino said he did not know how the penalty could be justified. "All that happened was that Saad Brek, one of Itihad's defenders, kicked me strongly from behind and ran outside the field. I reacted, unintentionally, because the blow hurt me severely and ran after him," Rivelino said.

"What would have happened if I were badly hurt and could not play again?" he wondered. "And then I found myself being banned for three months while Brek was banned for only one match," he added.

Rivelino could not figure out why Saudi Arabian referees are aggressive towards him. "I have played football for 18 years in Brazil, with an average of 90 matches per year. I had not been given more than two cards or warnings in any season. But in only 25 matches played in Saudi Arabia, I got a lot more warnings and a suspension. The comparison is simple."

"The Saudi Arabian players intentionally play rough with me. This harsh play makes me nervous, thus my actions are not intentional but a reaction to my fear of being injured," Rivelino said. He added that in Brazil it is different. "People play the ball and not the man."

Rivelino added that he felt bitter when the federation's decision banning him for three months was issued. "It would be better to retire rather than receive such a decision that hurts my reputation which I created in 21 years."

While playing for Hilal, Rivo — as his fans call him here — said, he had scored and created 61 goals so far. "Above all what makes stay in Saudi Arabia is Hilal's management and its fans, who know well that I beco suppressed."

Speaking about his plans during the period of suspension, he said, Hilal's management will decide about his departure and that of the translator. "During the period I spend among my people in Brazil, I will exercise with one of the teams there and be ready to comeback when the management and the coach decide so," Rivo said.

On the renewal of his contract for two more years, he said that no one has talked to him on the subject at the present. "They know my feeling now, and when the situation becomes suitable I am at their disposal," Rivo concluded.

The Saudi Arabian Football Federation met last week to discuss the disturbances that occurred after the Itihad-Hilal match. Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of the youth welfare, had said while reading the decisions that Rivelino was penalized for his unsportsmanlike behavior. Saudi Arabian international FIFA referee, Fahd Al-Dahmash, who supervised the game was also suspended for three months for not being able to control the game.

Itihad's vice-chairman, Amin Abu Hassan was banned from accompanying his team for one year. Two players of the team, Abdullah Ghurab and Saad Brek, were also suspended for one month and one match

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The Organization of the Islamic Conference (Part 3)

Looking ahead to close economic cooperation

By a Special Correspondent

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — The third Islamic Summit is taking place at a time when the global economic situation is far from rosy and the developing countries are, above all, facing the brunt of the current economic recession. All attempts by the developing countries to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement with the developed world for transfer of technology, procurement of loans and settlement of outstanding debts have so far not succeeded and the North-South dialogue has reached a stalemate. In such a situation, economic matters will naturally receive top priority in the list of subjects before the Islamic leaders.

The eleventh Islamic conference of foreign ministers held in Islamabad last May had recommended some important economic issues for submission to the Third Summit. The first of these was the economic strategy to be adopted by the Islamic countries within the framework of the third development decade of the United Nations. A high-level meeting was subsequently held in Ankara, Turkey, in November to review the world economic situation and evolve a strategy of development for the members of the Organ-



ization of the Islamic Conference. This conference highlighted that as the North-South dialogue, despite concerted efforts, had not made much headway, developing countries should continue their determined attempt

through collective self-reliance to establish a new international economic order.

The Ankara meeting also drew up a detailed plan of action which contains specific proposals for promoting economic cooperation among Islamic countries in areas such as food and agriculture, trade, industry, transport and communications, financial and monetary questions, energy, science and technology, manpower and social affairs, population and health and finally technical cooperation.

The Ankara plan of action is comprehensive and proposes concerted cooperation not only among Islamic countries but with developing countries in general. Its adoption at the Summit will be an important step for harmonising future economic cooperation among member states.

Another subject the Summit is expected to consider is a trade cooperation program among OIC members. It is generally admitted that while great potential for close trade and commercial ties exists, OIC states have thus far not fully realized its attainment. Several impediments, including lack of trade information and statistics, inadequacy of trade facilities, insufficient stress on export promotion and undeveloped transportation

links, account for the small percentage of inter-Islamic trade and the present reliance on others as the major trading partners of OIC countries. In the past year, several specialized studies on trade promotion were carried out and considered by a group of experts set up for the purpose. These recommendations will now be discussed by the Islamic Summit including the proposal to set up a permanent standing committee on trade matters.

Related to trade cooperation is the proposal for the establishment of an Islamic center for development of trade which will also be submitted to the Third Summit for approval. This idea was mooted at the tenth foreign ministers conference and recommended for adoption by the Summit at the eleventh ministerial conference. Its details and organizational setup were finalized by the expert group meeting which recently completed its work in Rabat. The government of Morocco, which moved the proposal initially, has offered to house the headquarters of the proposed Islamic trade center to be located in Tangiers and has also shown interest in helping in the administrative and technical arrangements for setting up the center.

The principal objectives and functions of the center will be to encourage trade contacts among OIC member states, to collect and disseminate information of commercial nature with a view to harmonising trade policies of Islamic countries, undertake market oriented studies and impart training in the field of trade production.

Like trade, the field of investment has so far remained untapped by OIC countries. The situation, however, might change soon if the third Islamic Summit decides to approve the draft agreement on promotion, protection and guarantee of investments in member states. This draft text has received scrutiny by experts in the field following a recommendation made at the tenth Islamic Conference. The Kingdom, in particular, showed keen interest in the proposal and drew up a detailed draft text of the agreement which is the basis of the final draft drawn up by investment experts for presentation to the forthcoming Islamic Summit. The draft agreement has been carefully framed and includes detailed provisions including legal, economic and judicial guarantees for encouraging investment across the Islamic world. It aims to provide and develop the best favorable climate for flow of economic resources among Islamic states for the development and progress of these countries.

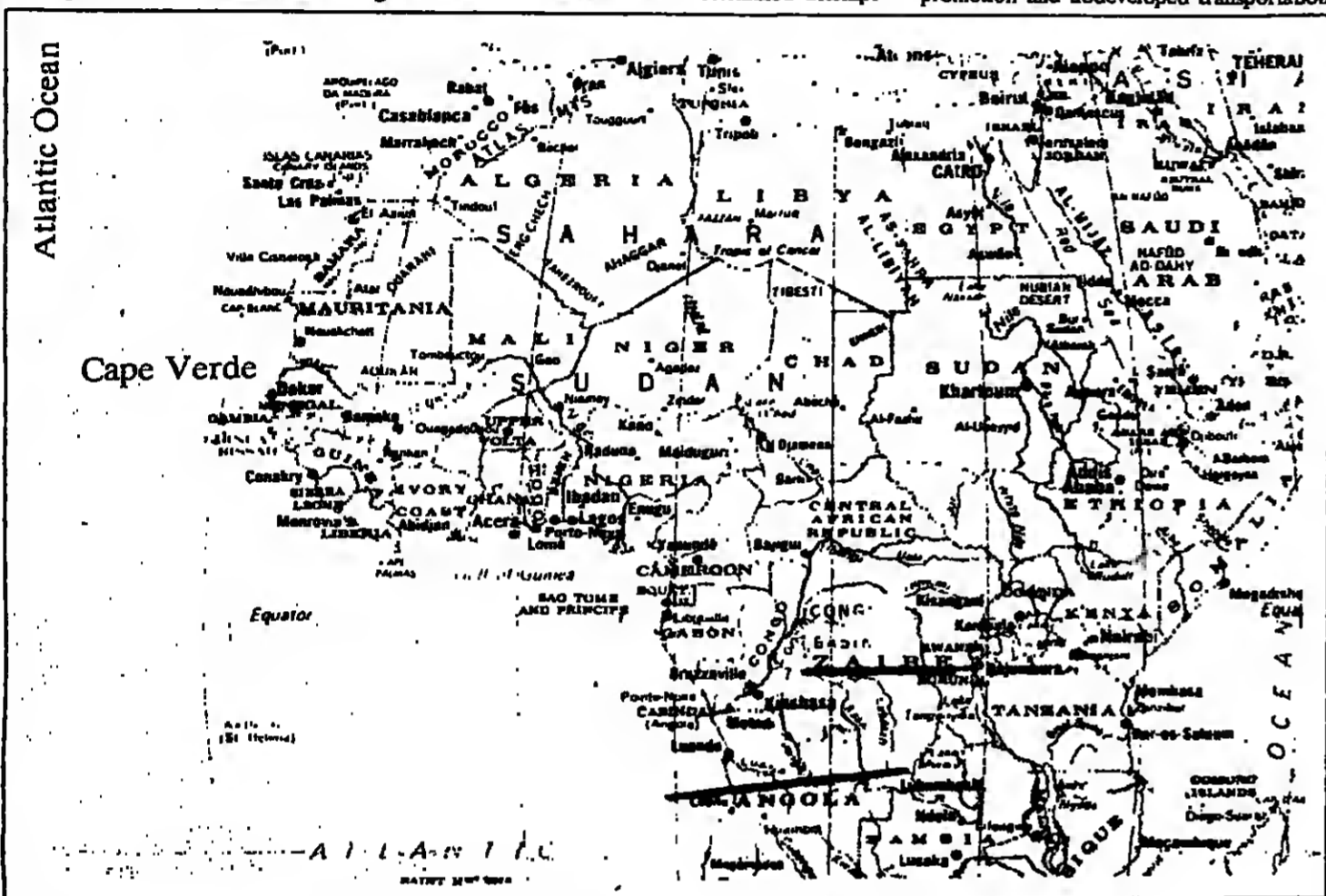
Yet another breakthrough which may occur as a result of the third Islamic Summit in the economic field will be the beginning of establishment of direct and efficient communication links among OIC member states, as a result of the creation of the proposed Islamic shipowners association. The draft statute of this proposed new agency was pre-



PRINCE WELCOMED: Habbib Chantif, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, welcomes Prince Sand Al-Faisal at the foreign ministers conference in Islamabad.

pared by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia following a decision of the Islamic foreign ministers to work for strengthening the present unsatisfactory transport and communication network among their countries. Subsequently experts in the fields of shipping, civil aviation and air transport carried out detailed studies to accomplish this task. The feasibility studies on shipping having reached an advanced stage, the eleventh Islamic Conference felt that the project to establish an Islamic shipowners association was sufficiently mature for submission to the Islamic heads of State for their approval at the Third Summit. The Union after its creation will have its headquarters in Jeddah. The third Islamic Summit is thus expected

to make a major advance in the future economic cooperation among OIC countries. It is evident that these countries have expressed the desire to forge these links and are showing a firm resolve and determination to attain complementarity of their economic activities. Looking ahead, there is already talk of an Islamic common market which should be the already aim of the economic and commercial cooperation between OIC members. The attainment of this goal may not be possible easily or quickly but given the resolve, common interests and fraternal feelings, it could eventually be reached. After all, even the European Common Market had humble beginnings and took several decades to be realized.



With decolonization

Life begins again in Cape Verde

By Basil Davidson

PRAIA, CAPE VERDE, (LAT) — The islands of Cape Verde are unforgettable once you have seen them, breathtaking in their volcanic landscapes, splendidly handsome in their people. But who has ever seen or even heard of them? Empty questions until yesterday, addressed to somewhere in the south Atlantic. But now, quite suddenly, the Cape Verdes have got themselves into world history, and by a route both surprising and original.

The sea wanderers of old Portugal had found them first, long ago in 1460, and settled there and were forgotten. Then the captains of slave ships found the islands again, putting in for food and water for crews and tortured human cargoes. Time passed, and even slavery had its term. To the islands, after that, came other seamen, whaling captains from the ports of New England, looking for island crews and provisions and whales. But the whales withdrew far southward or were exterminated, and more time passed. The next visitors were British captains of steamships. Now one of the islands became a coaling station — until oil supplanted coal. And then more silence.

A long silence: but in 1975 it ended. Removing an effete and baleful Portuguese dictatorship, the islanders proclaimed their independence as the Republic of Cape Verde. And here, in 1975, they began an experiment in self-development whose successes won unstinted praise among the experts.

The successes are impressive. There is no overstatement in saying that much more has been done, in the last five years, to improve the ecology of Cape Verde, to raise the level of social and economic life, to bring help to the sick and needy, and to turn despair into hope, than in all the centuries since the Portuguese first landed here.

To get the story, though, you need a little patience. Cape Verdians are eager to tell and show what they are doing and how and why, but first you have to find them. Journeys are required. For visitors from America they begin on the western bulge of Africa, at

Dakar in Senegal, then an hour's flight puts you at Praia, the capital, on Sao Tiago island. This is the largest of the nine habitable islands, and has about 90,000 people out of the country's total of 320,000. Here is the government, presided over by the veteran liberation fighter, Pedro Pires, with a team whose average age is less than 40. And here, too, is the seat of the president, Aristides Pereira, an outstanding leader who was Amilcar Cabral's right-hand man in the long struggle against the Portuguese dictatorship.

Other journeys take you to other islands by ship or plane: to the port of Mindelo on Sao Vicente, to the terraced canyons of Sao Antao, to the still-active crater of Pogo, "The Fire," to the tropical beaches of Sao Vista and of Maio, or to the rocks of Brava, which is far to the leeward and the homeland of many Americans who live in Cape Verde.

The human facts are contradictory. These people are poor, and their poverty today is deepened by a 10-year drought. When independence came, five years ago, 70 per cent of Cape Verdians were illiterate, had no chance of medical treatment, were unemployed for most or all the year, and could see survival only in following many ancestors, and leaving home for America, Holland or elsewhere. Their farming produced only 15 per cent of their food needs. Their industries did not exist. Surrounded by fish, they barely had the means of catching any.

Only years of hard work can end this poverty. Yet the good sense and honesty of their new regime and government, run by the party that Cabral and Pereira founded to fight the Portuguese, are real virtues. That is why the story is so far a happy one. Much help has come from many sides, with the United States high on the list, and this aid is being well used. No donated dollars are being sidetracked into private pockets here.

In the last five years the Republic of Cape Verde has invested about \$110 million, comparatively an enormous sum, in social and economic infrastructure. About 95 per cent of all children between 7 and 13 are now in school. A national health service was set up. New industries have started in deep-sea fish-

ing, fish refrigeration, ship repair, a modest cargo fleet, along with artisan co-operatives and small factories making shirts and shoes.

Using relief aid, this government has paid wages to some 30,000 otherwise jobless workers, a substantial part of the available work force. Following detailed plans, these new wage earners have built, so far, no fewer than 7,200 stone dams in canyons and valleys, nearly 200 miles of stone retaining-walls and more than 2,000 miles of earth retaining-walls. Rains falling since 1978 have ceased to surge and bounce off into the sea. Increasingly, they are held by the dams and retaining walls, sink into the soil, feed springs, enlarge areas of cultivation, form reservoirs.

A different future is presenting itself. "What we are doing here," said President Pereira, "is more than physical construction. We are building a new society, one in which our people really rules itself and can respect itself." Such claims today call for skepticism, but here the skepticism gives way to belief.

The system here is called *participacao popular*, ("people's participation"). In one sense, the ruling party has the power, exercised through its 3,000 or so active members, most of them men and women from fields and workshops. But in another sense, a growing one as the system evolves, power is in the hands of local executives elected by local assemblies. Two principles govern this system. One is that decision-making is increasingly devolved to local communities, usually of several hundred people each. The other is that the ruling party, voted overwhelmingly into power five years ago and now going into new elections, is there to lead and steer the building of this island democracy.

Emerging from the sea after centuries of silence, the Republic of Cape Verde is one fragment of the Third World where life begins again. If decolonization is said to be a good thing, here is one people that is determined to prove it to one and all.

(Basil Davidson is author of numerous books on Africa, including 'The African Genius', 'The Lost Cities of Africa' and 'Can Africa Survive?')

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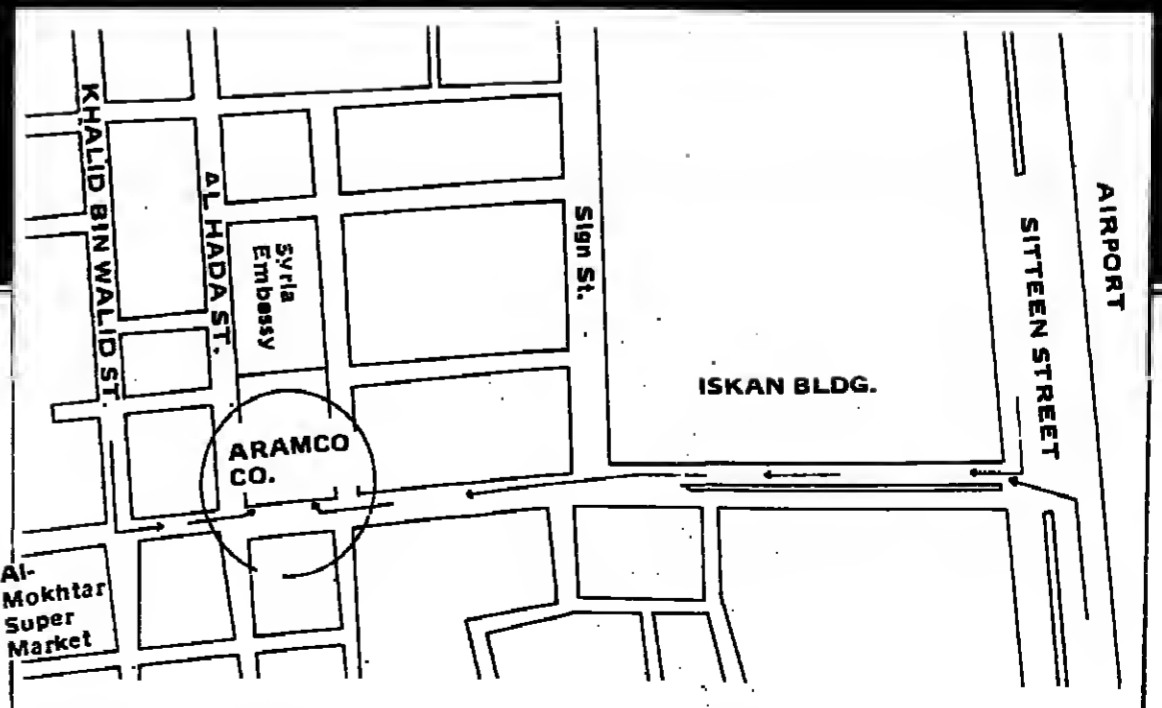
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Thorn becomes EEC president

BRUSSELS, Jan. 5 (R) — The European Common Market's executive commission passes into new hands this week for a four-year term which is likely to see the community enlarged to 12 with a new Mediterranean emphasis. Outgoing commission President Roy Jenkins of Britain was due to end his own term this week with a final press conference and then hand over to Luxembourg's Gaston Thorn. Thorn, 52, will preside over the commission, whose functions are to propose and implement the EEC policy.

Greece became the 10th member last Thursday and is expected to give the other nine a taste of the problems faced by societies which all overthrew right-wing dictatorships in the 1970s as well as of the influx of southern farm produce into the EEC.

When Thorn takes office Tuesday, his first task will be to distribute portfolios among the 13 other commissioners. His commission will have one more member than Jenkins' with the arrival of George Kontogeorgis to represent Greece.

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of portfolios went on through the night. The new commission retains eight members of Jenkins' executive who are largely expected to keep current posts.

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Once the row is settled, however, Thorn's problems will be far from over. The commission has to find ways of reforming the community's entire financial structure to avoid a repetition of the damaging argument, settled last May, over Britain's demand for its EEC budget contribution to be slashed.

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India, Sri Lanka plan to improve economic ties

COLOMBO, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Visiting Indian Finance Minister R. Venkataraman has met for more than an hour here with his Sri Lankan counterpart Ronnie De Mel for talks on economic cooperation. The two ministers are to meet again Tuesday, when they will sign an agreement providing for credit of 100-million rupees (\$12 million) from India to Sri Lanka.

Venkataraman, who arrived here Sunday on a two-day official visit, brought a message from Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi which he will hand to Sri Lankan President J.R. Jayewardene Tuesday.

The first Minister of the present government of Mrs. Gandhi to visit Sri Lanka, Venkataraman will also meet Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa before leaving for home.

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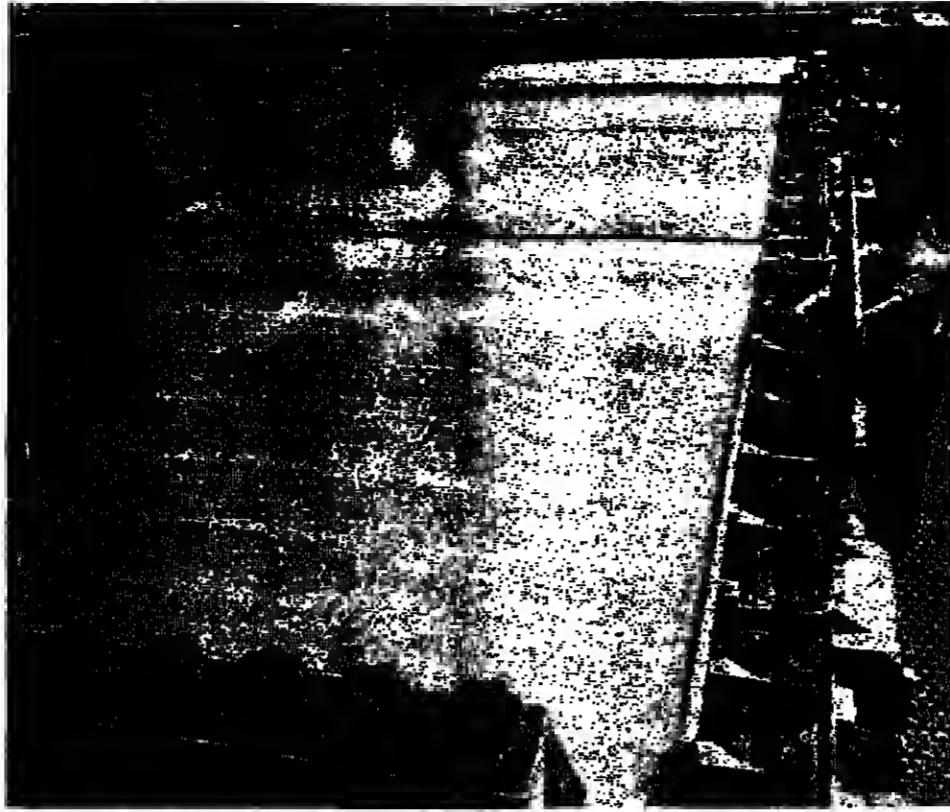
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Storm decreases exports of oil, gas in Algeria

ARZEW, Algeria, Jan. 5 (R) — A storm which closed the Algeria oil port of Arzew has stopped about half of the country's oil and gas exports reaching the world market and it may take at least 10 days to restore output, according to oil industry sources. The storm Sunday drove the 69,000-ton Uruguayan tanker *Juan A. Lavalleja* aground. Some of its cargo of gas spilled out and for 48 hours a cloud of highly-explosive gas hung over the area of the port, port industrial Zoos Director Moustafa Mekideche said.

Oil and gas installations had to be shut down and, although the risk of an explosion had now receded, they could not resume operations until pollutants were removed from the seawater used in the plants, he said.

Algerian officials said all the important oil and gas installation in Arzew had been

closed, including three gas liquefaction plants, a refinery and an ammonia factory. Industry source estimate the damage at 10 million a day. They said about half its total of hydrocarbon export capacity was out of commission.

The storm also ruptured oil pipelines at Arzew's offshore terminal, causing an oil slick. Industry sources estimated that a little over half of Algeria's gas exports and slightly under half its oil exports were being kept from the market.

Mekideche estimated it would take a week to 10 days to restore production after the grounded tanker had been refloated and emptied of the gas condensate still in its tanks. Gas condensate is similar to petrol but more volatile.

Slump in commodity markets likely to continue this year

LONDON, Jan. 5 (R) — A slump in world commodity markets at the end of last year is likely to continue in 1981, holding most prices down and squeezing the finances of third world producer countries, analysts believe. Political tensions, recession and uncertainty about crops will again cause the wide price fluctuations which characterized world commodity markets in 1980, but the overall trend will be downward, the analysts said.

The main reason for their gloom is the prospect of worsening recession in the industrialized world which will continue to restrict availability of all types of goods and the raw materials from which they are made.

They also expect interest rates to remain

high which will discourage manufacturers from building up stocks and to deter speculators who have found the rates too high to finance their operations.

Early last year, a buying boom, spurred by tension over Iran and Afghanistan, kept commodity prices at record levels, but they collapsed in November as speculators deserted the market.

They are thought unlikely to return in any number to commodity market until interest rates, now at more than 20 per cent in the United States, fall significantly.

The poorest countries will bear the brunt of the slump in commodities — foodstuffs, metals, fibres and raw materials — account for more than 60 per cent of their non-oil exports.

Exceptions to the general trend are grain where prices are expected to rise because of tight world supplies, the analysts said.

Gandhi attacks World Bank for revoking loan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has described the reported revocation by the World Bank of its decision to grant a \$250 million loan to India to set up a fertilizer complex as "interference" in this country's internal affairs.

She was referring to reports from Washington that the World Bank had revoked the loan after India changed its decision to grant the consultancy contract for the giant Thal fertilizer complex to the U.S. firm C.F. Braun in favor of the Danish Haldor Topsoe Company.

The Indian news agency PTI Sunday quoted Mrs. Gandhi as saying that India's decision to change consultants did not justify the World Bank in not aiding the Thal complex in Maharashtra state, western India.

Speaking to the press at Calcutta airport, Gandhi said there was nothing unusual in the Indian move. "The World Bank had no right to interfere in our internal affairs. We will do whatever we think is best in the interest of our country," she said.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman said that India was firm in its decision to continue with the project after the World Bank's decision to reject the loan plea. The project would be put through according to the time schedule already drawn up, with no delays, he added.

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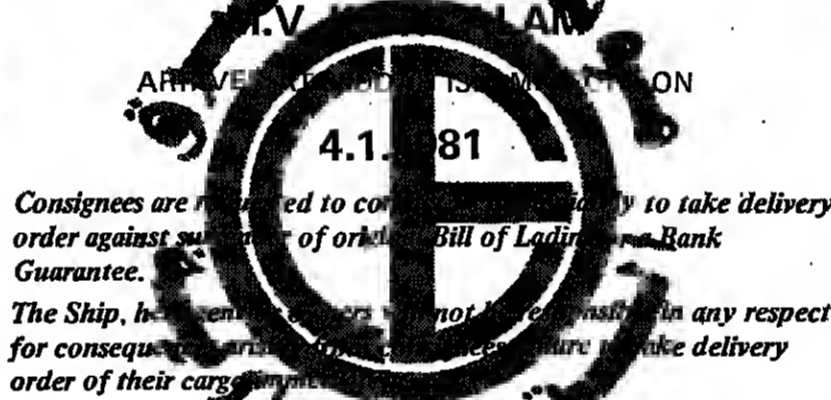
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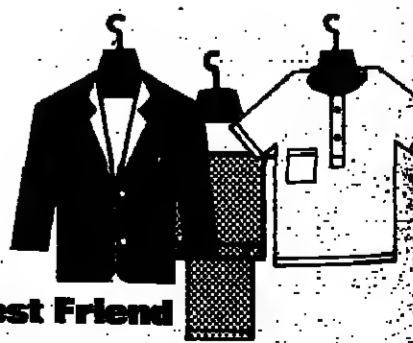
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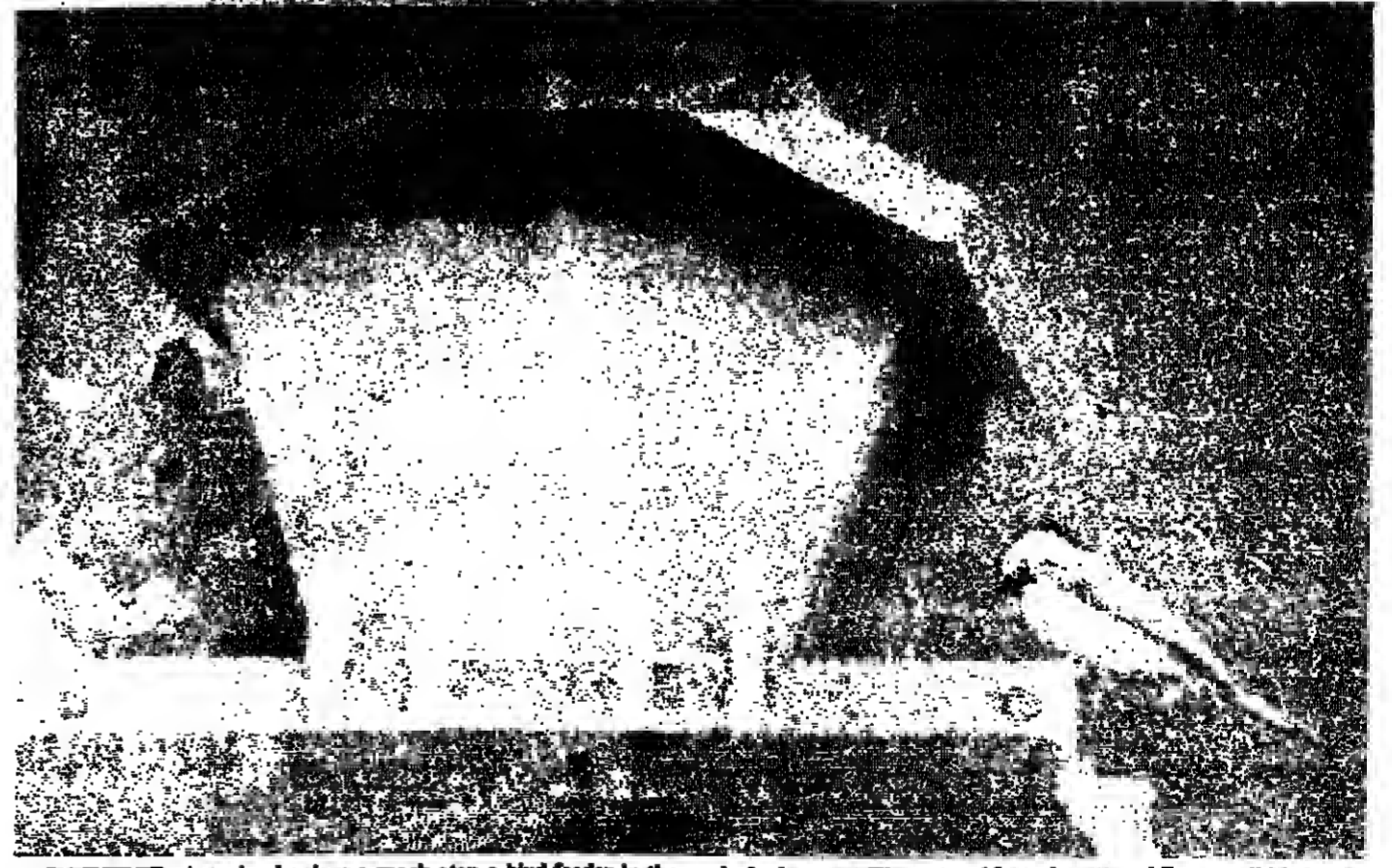
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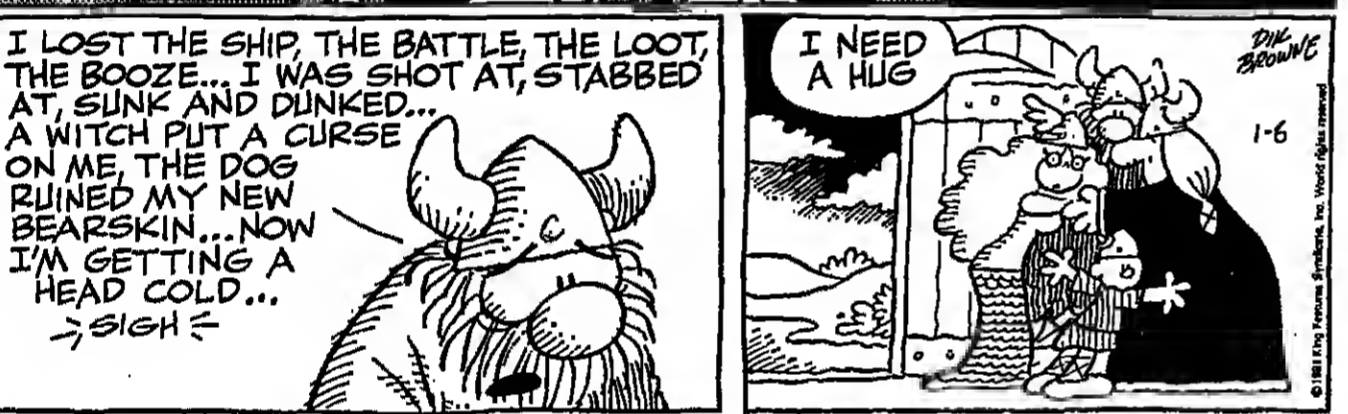
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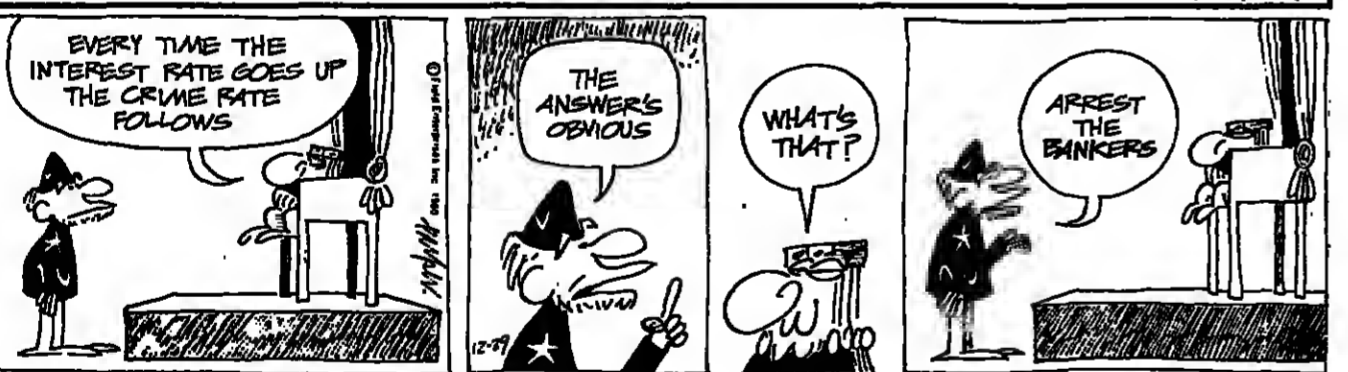
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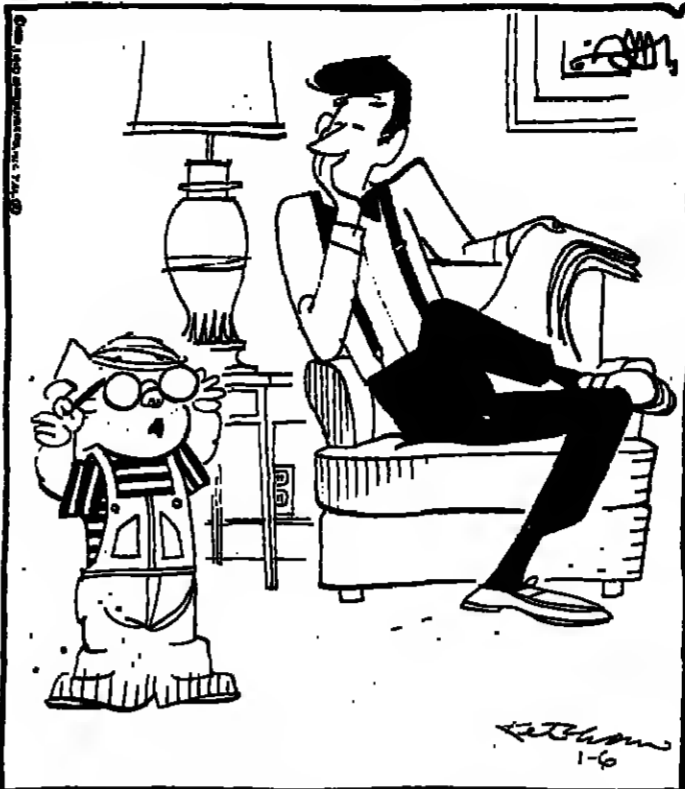
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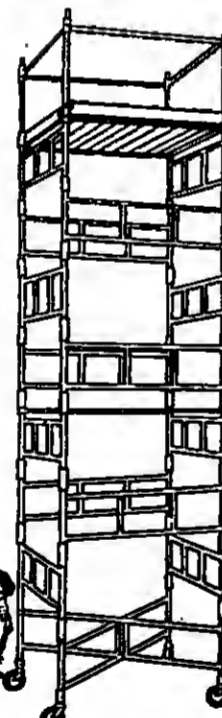
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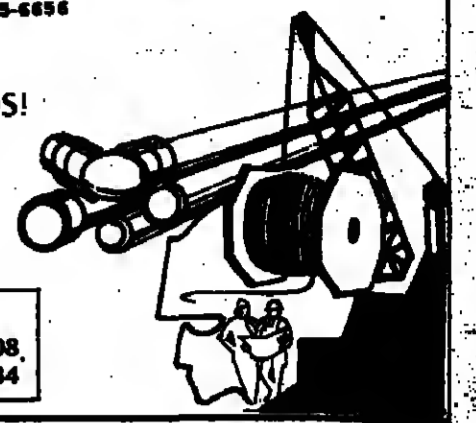
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Hostage issue

Iran's reply to U.S. proposals imminent

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — Algerian mediators are meeting daily with Iranian officials in Tehran to discuss the latest U.S. proposals for resolving the hostage crisis, Algerian Ambassador Abdul Karim Ghorayeh said Monday.

"The Iranian response will be given in the coming days — in couple of days," he told the Associated Press in Beirut.

In a separate telephone interview, the Swiss ambassador in Tehran said he had been told, but had no proof, that the three American hostages recently moved from the foreign ministry offices had been placed with other hostages.

The government of Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said Sunday that the three hostages had been transferred from the foreign ministry to an undisclosed location.

Swiss Ambassador Erik Langen, whose country represents U.S. interests in Iran, said he has been refused permission to see any of the 52 hostages since the Christmas holidays when he visited the three men who were at that time still being held at the foreign ministry.

He said that he saw the trio — Charge d'Affaires Bruce Langen, political officer Victor Tomseth and security officer Michael Hawland — their physical condition was "fine."

But he added that it would be expected, "when you are in custody for months, you have some reactions which you could not describe as normal."

Langen said the three men, who were at the

foreign ministry on Nov. 4, 1979, when the U.S. embassy was overrun by militant Iranians, had "high hopes of being released soon" when he saw them just before and shortly after Christmas. "But you cannot say that when you are 14 months away from your family that you are 100 per cent fine in spirit," he added.

He said he had told the trio about efforts to arrange the hostages' release and added that the Algerian ambassador had briefed them in more detail on the mediation efforts.

Algerian diplomats carried the latest U.S. proposals to Tehran last Friday, but the Iranian government did not take receipt of them until Sunday, according to Rajai's spokesman, Ahmad Azizi. The Carter administration reportedly has set a deadline of Jan. 1 for the Iranians to respond.

Both the Algerian ambassador, who is participating in the mediation efforts, and the Swiss ambassador, who is not, declined to predict the outcome.

Lanchen said that although he has been told all 52 hostages are under the control of the Rajai government, rather than the militants who overran the U.S. embassy grounds, he has not been permitted to see any of the hostages since his Christmas meeting at the foreign ministry.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell reiterated Sunday that the administration of President Jimmy Carter would not "sit idly by" if Iran carries out a threat to put the American hostages on trial.

Rajai denies controversial interview with Bonn paper

TEHRAN, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Tehran Radio Monday broadcast a denial that Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai had given an interview to the West German newspaper *Die Welt*.

It quoted the public relations office of the prime minister as saying "we inform the noble Iranian nation that Rajai has never had an interview with *Die Welt* newspaper so far." Apparently referring to a broadcast on the Persian-language service of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Sunday night, it added "we strongly deny the news of the BBC tonight about the interview of Muhammad Ali Rajai."

An advance copy of the supposed interview released Sunday night in Bonn quoted Rajai as saying that President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr headed a group of "western-oriented intellectuals" opposed to the nation's spiritual leadership.

Tehran radio, in a broadcast after the midnight news, said "might radio BBC, the omeo-owl of colonialism, in the continuation of the plots of the imperialist news agencies and the Zionist network of these mass media, has made a broadcast according to which the news would later be published in *Die Welt* newspaper of West Germany."

In Bonn, the editors of *Die Welt* insisted Sunday night on the authenticity of the interview. *Die Welt*'s editors said its questions had been transmitted in writing to Rajai and that his replies were transmitted back Friday by an Iranian employee of the newspaper.

According to the broadcast, Rajai attacked the president and said: "Our people, however, have unequivocally chosen the clergy as leaders and will also see to it that the Islamic republic, created with their blood, is achieved completely."

Rajai said Iran's foreign policy was decided by parliament on the basis of Islamic ideology and that Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini did not interfere in day-to-day politics. He

watches only over the large contours and sets the pattern in accordance with Islam," the prime minister said of Iran's revolutionary leader. Rajai said his own quarrel with President Bani-Sadr on filling vacant ministry posts was an example of this. Ayatollah Khomeini had often been asked to mediate but had declined by saying they should solve their own problems.

Lead affects children's IQ

TORONTO, Jan. 5 (AP) — Children exposed to lead at doses not high enough to cause obvious medical problems have been shown to have reduced intelligence scores and behavior problems, it was reported here Monday.

The study, which involved 2,146 children in the towns of Chelsea and Everett near Boston, Massachusetts, also showed changes in brain waves in children with high lead levels in their teeth. Disorderly classroom behavior was found to be related to the levels of lead, as were reductions in IQ test scores, verbal skills and attention spans.

The children were rated according to the amount of lead found in baby teeth they lost. Dr. Herbert L. Needleman of the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Harvard Medical School said at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here that it appears there is no safe exposure level for lead, which comes from such sources as gasoline additives and paint.

Ellen K. Silbergeld of the experimental therapeutics branch of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, also reporting on the biochemical effects of lead exposure, said the evidence is that the effects occur at very low concentrations.



WARNING: White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said Sunday the reported movement of three American hostages in Iran is a cause for concern and warned again that spy trials of the captives would lead to "very serious consequences."

Nkomo flays takeover of Zimbabwe's papers

SALISBURY, Jan. 5 (R) — Joshua Nkomo, Home Affairs Minister and leader of the minority Patriotic Front, complained Monday about the government's takeover of Zimbabwe's main newspapers, charging that the press was being muzzled.

"This is probably my last free statement through our news media here where the radio and television are already under the heel of ZANU-PF. One would have thought radio and television were enough as propaganda tools," he told the *Resist* newspaper. Information Minister Nathan Shamuyirira announced Saturday that the government, dominated by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party, had bought the controlling interest in the company that operates the main, white-edited newspapers. These are the *Herald*, the *Bulawayo Chronicle*, the *Sunday Mail*, the *Sunday News* and the weekly *Unitari Post*.

"This step is worse than what the Rhodesian regime of Ian Smith did during its abortable time in office," Nkomo said. It is a complete tragedy that the government has taken such a step because it is vital to have

Clash on border Hanoi accuses Bangkok of armed 'provocation'

BANGKOK, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Vietnam Monday accused Thailand of having staged an armed "provocation" at the Thai-Kampuchea border Saturday in a bid to blot out the image of Hanoi and Phnom Penh.

A foreign ministry statement dated Hanoi but distributed here, alleged that Thailand had concocted the incident "to drive a wedge between the ASEAN countries (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and Vietnam."

Vietnam, it said, flatly rejected as a "fabrication" Thailand's account of the incident, in which two Thai soldiers were killed and one wounded, according to the Thais, by Hanoi-led incursion forces early Saturday morning.

The Thai foreign ministry Monday summoned Vietnamese Charge d'Affaires Do

Ngoc Duong to deliver a protest note over the clash, the most serious reported inside Thai territory since a brief Hanoi-led incursion last June.

The contents of the Thai note were not immediately made public. But a Thai spokesman said a protest note had also been sent to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, asking him to circulate details of the alleged incursion among members of the world body.

The Vietnamese statement, handed to the foreign ministry here, said the incident was part of what it called a long-standing Thai policy of "colluding with Peking expansionists against the Kampuchean people."

"Over the past two years, Thai authorities have been 'neutral' on the Kampuchean issue but, in fact, they have been continuously colluding," the statement said. Thailand it said had been helping anti-Vietnamese guerrillas loyal to former Premier Pol Pot and others "on Thai soil to cross the border and carry out military activities against the Kampuchean people." But it did not give a Vietnamese version of the "provocation," saying only that Hanoi "categorically rejects the above-mentioned fabrication."

Meanwhile, the Kampuchean rebel sources confirmed Monday that anti-Communist leader Son Sann has returned to his jungle headquarters after months of travel abroad.

The sources, who have proven reliable in the past, said Son Sann had slipped back into his "zone" Saturday after visiting China.

The guerrilla leader, a 70-year-old despectated former premier, and ex-head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk, also visited Britain, France, Japan and several other countries during his drive to garner international support.

He heads the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), the so-called "third force" guerrilla faction which opposes both the ousted pro-Peking Khmer Rouge and the Vietnamese Heng Samrin government. The sources, who asked not to be identified by name, told Agence-France Presse that Son Sann had met "senior officials" in Peking for an exchange of views. There had been no change in the KPNLF policy, they stressed.

ASEAN talks begin

MANILA, Jan. 5 (R) — Foreign policy chiefs of five southeast Asian nations conferred near here Monday on the Kampuchean issue and future relations with incoming U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

Other subjects on the agenda for the foreign ministry heads of Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines were the continued Soviet presence in Afghanistan and the attitude of both Moscow and Peking to southeast Asia.

The three-day meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is being held at a beach resort about 70 km. southwest of Manila.

Dollar weakens, gold up

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP) — The dollar was slightly weaker at the start of the first full week's trading of the new year Monday, while gold prices were marginally higher.

London's five billion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$592 a troy ounce, up from the year-ending \$589.50 last Wednesday. Major bullion markets in Europe were closed Friday. "We're trying to get back into the swing of things after the holiday period," said one London dealer.

In Zurich the metal traded at a median \$590.50 an ounce, up from \$589.50 Wednesday. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$594.66 up 8.71 from Saturday. Gold finished at \$586 an ounce in New York late Friday.

Silver was quoted in London mid-morning at \$15.808 an ounce.

Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at a 23-month low at 201.40 yen, from 203.60 last Wednesday, continuing a downward trend that marked much of 1980 in which the dollar lost 15 per cent of its value.

In Tokyo, The Bank of Japan bought between \$400 million and \$500 million on the Tokyo foreign exchange market Monday to support the ailing U.S. currency after it slid towards the 200 yen level in heavy trading, dealers said.



THEATRE FIRE: Firemen inspecting wreckage of Milan's Scala opera theater damaged by fire triggered by a short circuit last week. At right the royal box, also damaged and blackened by flames which were quickly put out.

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imposed on its radio and television services whose only aim was to slander on the president of the republic.

Bani-Sadr declared that his suffering as a president was unparalleled, and he bore every hardship in order not to embarrass the spiritual leader. But he said, the situation was grave and it was time to decide upon the survival or destruction of the country. He admitted that the situation was such that his withdrawal might cause a heavy blow to the internal front. He therefore, prayed for his

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During a press conference there Zamil said the consortium will receive a bonus of crude oil in return for their services and participation in the project.

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martyrdom so that he does not see the country's capitulation and humiliation. He said the present government was disastrous for the country, as it was incapable, non-neutral and incapable of mustering public support. He expressed his fears that the situation might still deteriorate if the present government persisted in power.

Bani-Sadr advised the armed forces to follow a unified command and take patient and deliberate steps in the war. He said it was necessary to bear hardships and to develop an offensive spirit in the armed forces gradually.

SABIC agreement with Mobil Saudi Arabia, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mobil Oil Corporation of America, for a petrochemical complex in Yanbu on the Red Sea coast of the Kingdom. When completed in 1984 the complex is expected to produce 450,000 tons of ethylene a year, the most important building block of the petrochemical industry, through the refinement of natural gas liquids pumped by pipeline 1,200 kilometers across the Kingdom

Iran like to ask quietly, and I hope the answer will come from our brothers who claim that Iraq's attention has been diverted from the battle with Israel: Are there on the horizon any indication that a war will break out of reoccupied Jerusalem, the Golan (Heights) or the (West) Bank?"

He added: "Above all, what could any state like Iraq do in dealing with the conspiracies and public expansionist aims of Khomeini?" The Iraqis had proved their ability to carry on regular fighting for long months and had acquired in valuable experience, he said.

Khatallah said that continuous problems with Iran had prevented Iraq from participating effectively in its national battles.

"We turned toward occupied Palestine while our backs were uncovered and threatened with possible attack," he said. "But Iraq had achieved almost all its aims in the war." He said the "legend of Iranian domination" was over and Tehran had lost the role of policeman of the Gulf.

Obote holds talks with Moi in Kenya

NAIROBI, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Uganda President Milton Obote and Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi Monday held their first meeting since Obote took office last month, the official Kenya News Agency said. Radio Uganda, monitored here, said the meeting was held in the small Kenyan town of Webuye, 65 kilometers from the Ugandan border.

President Obote was accompanied by his vice-president and minister of defense, Mr. Paulo Mwangi.

Mwangi was chairman of the military commission which seized power in a coup in Uganda last May, ousting President Godfrey Binaisa. Relations between Kenya and Uganda were strained while the military commission was in power. But they have improved since last month's Ugandan elections and President Moi was one of the first leaders to congratulate President Obote on his victory. Most of landlocked Uganda's export and import trade passes through Kenya and its Indian Ocean seaport Mombasa.

The meeting was here marking a resumption of relations between the two countries, following Obote's return to power last month almost 10 years after he was ousted by Idi Amin.

Kenya recalled its high commissioner (ambassador) from Uganda following the break-up in 1977 of the east Africa community, which the two neighbors formed with Tanzania. Relations remained strained despite the overthrow of Amin in 1979.

Thailand keeps door open for refugees

By Edward Thangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Jan. 5 — In spite of problems caused by the energy crisis and the skyrocketing prices of goods, especially imported products and foodstuffs, the supreme command of the Thai Armed Forces has decided to maintain its policy of accepting refugees from neighboring countries, Kampuchea, Laos and Vietnam on humanitarian grounds. Statistics compiled by the command at the end of 1980 revealed that there are 266,073 Indochinese refugees in Thailand.

Of them, 149,651 fled here after the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea and are now living in five camps away from the border. They are being looked after by the Thai military and interior ministry authorities.

Prior to their arrival, Thailand had been taking care of some 116,422 Indochinese refugees and illegal immigrants who escaped here since the Communist take-over of Laos, Kampuchea and Vietnam. Of them, 103,129 are from Laos, 5,115 from Kampuchea and 3,559 from Vietnam. Some 4,619 are waiting for resettlement in third countries.

A spokesman from the information office of the supreme command said Monday: "This is a humane problem. We have tried our best to discourage them from coming here but they keep coming, claiming it impossible to fit into a Communist form of life."

Lee keeps all but one

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew Monday announced his new cabinet retaining most members of the outgoing team except Health Minister Toh Chin Chye who was dropped.

The new cabinet, following last month's general election, will be sworn in tomorrow by President Benjamin Sheares.

Toh Chin Chye's health portfolio was given to Goh Chok Tong, who will hold this in addition to trade and industry. However, Goh will relinquish his trade and industry portfolio in June to Tony Tan Keng Yam, the current minister of education, who will be in charge of the budget from 1982-83.

12 die in train mishap

COLOMBO, Jan. 5 (AFP) — At least 12 persons were killed and 96 injured when an express train rumbled into another from behind at Kurunegala station, 55 miles north of here, early Monday.

The accident happened when the express train from Sita to Colombo ploughed into the Batticaloa-Colombo train which was just leaving the Kurunegala station, railway authorities said.

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